Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 21, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:38 pm on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Attendance

Board Members	Election Services Staff
Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (in-person) Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person) Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) 8 virtual guests 4 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Victoria Pickens, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Angelica Tyler (CAPE), in-person Tim Love (County Manager's Office), in-person John Hudson (Budget), in-person Jay Shih (Budget), in-person Shauna Shepherd (Human Resources), in-person Caroline Long (Human Resources), in-person Lesley Sobol (Human Resources), in-person

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert welcomed attendees.

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda as presented for this meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- The Budget Brief, Budget Explorer dashboard, and the selected counties (Ashe, Bertie, Brunswick, Buncombe, Durham, Gaston, Nash, and Orange County) for the State Board of Elections deceased voter list maintenance audit were sent via email.
- Early Voting Plan survey is available on the website. Early Voting Plan flyers are now available for distribution.
- A meeting has been scheduled with John Noce to discuss setting up a State Board update and educational session for the Board.
- NC Senate Bill 1084 could change the Early Voting period from 17 days to 10 days, and would be effective if/when passed. Another Bill is proposed restricting the use of fire stations as voting sites.

Item Three: Human Resources and Budget Information Session

- Director Duncan introduced Buncombe County Budget Director John Hudson and Human Resources Director Shauna Shepherd.
- Budget Director Hudson gave an overview of the budget and payroll process.
- The Board discussed.
- Human Resources Director Shepherd gave an overview of the organization chart for the county and the hiring and classification process.
- The Board discussed.
- The Board took comment from Assistant County Manager Tim Love.
- Chair Weinert thanked Director Hudson, Director Shepherd, and the County for making time to share information with the Board.

Item Four: Badge Access Resolution

Due to time constraints, the Board decided to schedule a new meeting to consider the badge access resolution on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 1:00pm in the basement Board Room at 35 Woodfin St.

Item Five: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 1:00pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

The following Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 06/23/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 6/29/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 4/23/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 6/23/26

Sally Stein, Member 6/23/26

Jake Quinn, Member 4/23/26